

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re **NATIONAL PHASE** Application of )  
Ian Richard Joseph BATES ) Attn: US/DO/EO  
International Application No. PCT/GB00/02125 )  
International Filing Date: June 2, 2000 )  
For: VEHICLE AIR BRAKING SYSTEMS ) Date: November 30, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIM:

Please note, the amended claim is presented below in their amended form. Further, as an Attachment to the Amendment the amendments to the claims are outlined using the conventional method of bracketing and underlining.

12. **(AMENDED)** A control system according to claim 1 and adapted to provide independent control of said compressor and a purge valve therefor.

**REMARKS**

The claim has been amended to amend the multiple dependent claim in order to place it in better condition for examination.

Examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

**IN THE CLAIM:**

12. **(AMENDED)** A control system according to [any preceding claim] claim 1 and adapted to provide independent control of said compressor and a purge valve therefor.